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SPOTLIGHT

Denver Federal Center Redevelopment Update

Things are definitely starting to look and feel different on the west side of the Denver Federal Center (DFC). The relocation of the western perimeter fence is near completion, the new St. Anthony Hospital is taking shape, and the construction of the Regional Transportation District (RTD) West Corridor light rail is well under way. While all of this work demonstrates the continued excitement of redevelopment on the site, GSA recognizes that the construction activities can cause inconveniences. The continued patience and understanding of all our DFC tenants and visitors is greatly appreciated.

St. Anthony orthopedic specialty hospital, the first phase of the project, is targeting a summer 2010 opening. Phase two, the replacement hospital for St. Anthony Central, is scheduled for completion in late summer 2011. The new St. Anthony Hospital will have: 227 patient rooms, including 60 intensive care suites; 19 operating room suites, including orthopedic and cardiac specialty suites; and a roof-mounted helicopter landing pad with high-speed patient access to the emergency and surgery departments. Construction of two medical office buildings onsite will also begin in 2010. Additional

information on the project can be found at www.stanthonycentral.org.

RTD's Cold Spring Park-n-Ride bus facility is scheduled to open at the new location along Center Avenue, across from the hospital, when the hospital opens this summer. The new north-south Routt Street connection between North Avenue and Alameda Avenue will open at the same time. Work will continue on the RTD site and the light rail line for several years for the opening of the West Corridor and the Federal Center light rail station in the 2012-2013 timeframe. Additional information on RTD's project can be found at www.rtd-fastracks.com.

Finally, GSA continues to forge ahead on all of the redevelopment groundwork while looking for continued opportunities to implement the 20+ year master plan for the site. Close coordination with all our partners and our tenant agency representatives will continue as our sitewide planning efforts move forward. It is a very exciting time for the DFC!

For additional information on the redevelopment efforts, please contact Lisa Wild, GSA Senior Project Manager, at lisa.wild@gsa.gov or 303-236-8000 ext. 5039.



UNDER
CONSTRUCTION

DFC Recycling News

Over the last year the DFC has seen a lot of exciting activity around its recycling program. As opportunities become available, the DFC has been able to create opportunities for tenant agencies and their employees to recycle a wider variety of materials. The programs currently available on the DFC are paper and cardboard recycling, battery recycling, and single stream recycling.

In August of 2009, the DFC kicked off a pilot composting program. The program consists of collecting organic food waste from the cafeteria located in Building 67 and mixing the material with organic debris generated from landscaping activities. During the first 30 days of operation, the composting tubs created three cubic yards of material to be reused in flower beds on the DFC. As the composting process becomes more efficient, there are plans to expand the program to other DFC cafeterias. Volunteer federal employees will also eventually be able to bring in their organic food waste from home to be composted onsite.

The annual recycling data has been collected for the DFC and here are the results from FY2009:

DFC Totals (in pounds):

- Paper - 537,950
- Cardboard - 14,706
- E-waste - 36,578
- Batteries - 832
- Toner - 2,400
- Unicor - 23,321
- Single Stream - 480,000

The DFC recycled a total of 547.9 tons of material. For each ton of material kept out of area landfills, the DFC saved the following:

- 17 trees
- 7,000 gallons of water
- 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space
- 60 pounds of air pollution
- 380 gallons of oil
- 4,100 KwHrs of electricity

During FY2010 we are planning to implement two new recycling programs for select buildings on the DFC. The new programs are for electronics and for compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs). These programs will operate similar to the battery recycling program. Look for these exciting new opportunities in FY2010.



WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE DFC?

Investing in Our Future



Over the past year, you've witnessed many changes at the Denver Federal Center (DFC). The Center is receiving a transformation in order to remain a vital and thriving campus.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) is further propelling projects at a fast pace and moving the DFC closer to its vision of becoming the most sustainable campus by 2020. Most recently, \$40 million was awarded for additional solar energy production. In the first phase, GSA will install a roof-mounted, 3 megawatt solar array consisting of 15,000 solar panels over 19 acres on Buildings 20, 56, and 810. The second phase will include additional ground-mounted solar arrays over approximately 16 acres. The new roof-mounted arrays will provide about 7% of the electricity needs of the entire DFC. Combined with the energy from the existing 1.2 megawatt solar array and upcoming ground-mounted arrays, around 14% of the energy used on the DFC will come from this renewable resource.



The most visible project for the past months has been the \$60 million DFC Utilities Infrastructure project that allows GSA to repair and upgrade the Center's outdated utilities infrastructure. This project will allow GSA to promote growth and development as well as deliver a more reliable and safe working environment. The project is on schedule and targeted to be complete by 2012. Project updates and pictures are available at www.dfc-utility.com.



ARRA funds are allowing GSA to make Buildings 20 and 95 into high-performing green buildings. GSA hired a Recommissioning Agent (RCx) to examine the overall performance of the buildings and each building system to improve energy usage. The work to be performed in Building 20 includes a test and balance of the entire air and water side systems to improve efficiency and tenant comfort. The building will also receive new, more energy efficient boilers and the installation of control valves that will give tenants better control of space temperatures.

Similar work will be done in Building 95. Two water heaters will be installed for domestic hot water, and solar hot water equipment on the roof will be integrated to reduce the amount of natural gas required to heat the hot water for the building. GSA expects minimal negative impact on tenants while these projects are in progress.



WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE DFC?



General Services Administration welcomes the following tenants to the Denver Federal Center:

- The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) and Livestock Marketing Informational Center (LMIC) to Building 67 in October 2009.
- The Small Business Association (SBA) to Building 20 in August 2009.
- The Combined Federal Campaign moved into Buildings 810, 45 and 46 in August 2009.
- The Veterans Affairs moved into Building 53 in September 2009.
- The U.S. Geological Studies Video Archives moved into Building 810 in November 2009.
- The Department of Interior Financial and Business Management Systems expanded within Building 810 in December 2009.

We've Moved!

The GSA Team 3 Property Management office has moved locations within Building 67. Team 3 is now on the 1st floor as of January 2010.



EPA Triage Center

The EPA small building project broke ground in the NE corner of Building 25. This project is estimated to take one year with an estimated completion date of May 2010. For more information about this project, please contact Mike Alley, Project Manager at mike.alley@gsa.gov.



AGENCY ARTICLES



2009 Veterans Day

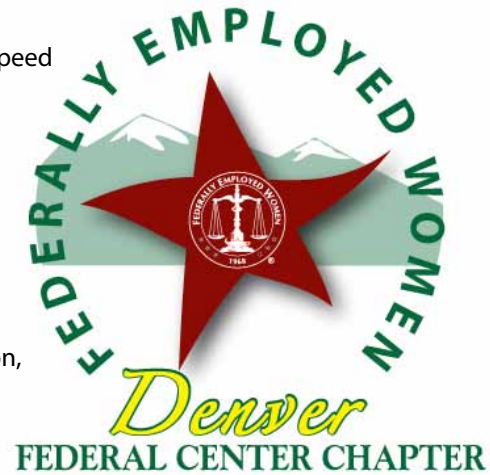
GSA held its annual Veterans Appreciation Day event on November 10. New Regional Administrator for GSA Rocky Mountain Region, Sue Damour, gave opening remarks. Three guest speakers participated in the program. The first was David Preedy, Senior Chief, Navy Construction Battalion. The second guest speaker was Dan Dietz, Sr., retired armed forces member and father of Navy SEAL Danny Dietz. Both speakers shared memories and personal experiences, Dan Dietz also shared stories of his son. The third speaker was John Nash, founder and executive director of Combat Veterans Cowboy Up, an equine-assisted psychotherapy program for veterans with PTSD and other psychological challenges. For more information about the Veterans Appreciation program, please contact James Foster at 303-236-8000 ext. 7152 or Dick Hogue at 303-236-8000 ext. 5142.

What's New with FEW?

We began a new FEW year and the Denver Federal Center Chapter is moving forward full speed ahead.

2009-2010 Officers

- Cheryl Howley, Chapter President, is an IT planner with the Federal Highway Administration, cheryl.howley@fhwa.dot.gov
- Kim Montoya, Vice President, is a management & program analyst with the Bureau of Reclamation, rmontoya@usbr.gov
- Bethany Mills, Secretary, is a contracting officer with the National Park Service, Bethany_Mills@nps.gov
- Tina Landeros, Treasurer, is a claims representative with the Social Security Administration, ernestine.landeros@ssa.gov
- Jackie Wells, Membership & Diversity Chair is a management & program analyst with the Bureau of Reclamation, jwells@usbr.gov
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- Patty Damon, Fundraising & Communications Chair, is an IT specialist with the U.S. Geological Survey, pdamon@usgs.gov
- Pauline Gibson, Programming & Planning Chair, is an administrative officer with the Mine Safety & Health Administration gibson.pauline@dol.gov



The award-winning Denver Federal Center Chapter was recognized for their outstanding work by winning several awards at the regional and national levels in 2009:

Regional Awards

- Best Chapter Legislative Program
- Best Chapter Programs Awards
- Best Chapter Fundraising Program
- Overall Outstanding Chapter Achievement (the highest chapter honor in the Region)

National Awards

- Best Special Emphasis Project Award
- Best Fundraiser Award
- Helen R. Dudley, Chapter Overall Achievement Award (the highest chapter honor in the country)

Upcoming Events

- February 17, 2010 "A Look at Federal Management & Leadership Development Programs" 11:30am—12:30pm, Building 67, DFC, Rio Grande Room
- March 17, 2010 "Diversity Not Difference" 11:30am—12:30pm, Building 25, DFC, Conference Room @ Door E-14.
- March 19, 2010 "MOTIVATE, INSPIRE, EMPOWER: FEW Can Make it Happen!" Red Lion Hotel, Aurora, Colo.
– Registration information is available at <http://rmfew.org/2010rtp/index.asp>
- April 14, 2010 "FEW – What's in it for YOU?" 11:30am-1:00pm, Location TBD

Leadership Development

The DFC Chapter is committed to developing future leaders. The chapter scholarship program provides funding for members to attend regional and national training programs. To support this effort, we're selling Grip-its. These are neoprene wraps that attach to the handles of luggage, backpacks, and tote bags, not just to help you identify which black bag is yours on the luggage carousel, but to help keep others from taking your bag by mistake. We have a variety of colors available. Why not buy a set for your next vacation? You can purchase Grip-its from any chapter officer for \$4.00 each. Call or email for quantity discounts!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Are You Looking to Network?


SGMP

The Society of Government Meeting Professionals (SGMP) is a non-profit professional organization of persons involved in planning government meetings, and those individuals who supply services to government planners. SGMP provides educational programs, conferences and networking opportunities.

All federal and state planners are invited to attend one of SGMP's monthly networking events free of charge. For more information about SGMP, contact Kimberly Pease, Rocky Mountain Chapter President, at 720-963-3444 or kimberly.pease@fhwa.dot.gov.

Upcoming events

- February 23, 2010 — Doubletree Hotel Denver North
- March 17, 2010 — MIC Conference & Tradeshow, Sheraton Denver Hotel

Mark Your Calendars for Historic Preservation Month!



May is Historic Preservation Month. In celebration, we will be hosting a Denver Federal Center Museum Open House. The DFC Museum serves as a bridge between the everyday world of a visitor and the world of history.

www.gsa.gov/dfcmuseum

What: DFC Museum Open House
Where: DFC Building 41
When: Wednesday, May 5, 2010
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



Information Technology Solutions Forums

In response to the new administration's priorities and the evolving requirements in Information Technology (IT), GSA is committed to work together with federal, state and local governments to meet the challenges that lie ahead. GSA will host an IT Solutions Forum aimed at acquainting you with the latest offerings available through IT Schedule 70. We would like to invite you to join us at this event as we discuss how we can work together to achieve Great Government through Technology.

This program is designed to enhance your understanding of how you can take advantage of our government-wide, multiple award, pre-competed IT contracts that offer quick access to a breadth of high-quality solution providers who deliver best value solutions in support of your agency's mission.

There is no cost to participate in this event! Join us to:

- Meet GSA's IT Acquisition Leadership Team.
- Learn about the Multiple Award Schedules as a mission-ready, streamlined acquisition tool.
- Understand how GSA's IT Schedule Program supports your Agency IT mission.
- Hear firsthand success stories from GSA's customers and industry partners.

Forum Date: April 6, 2010

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Where: DFC Building 41, Remington Arms Room

For more information, call 703-605-2700 or email IT.Center@gsa.gov.

You can also our website at www.gsa.gov/itsolutionsevents.

2010 Conference and Trade Show



March 17, 2010
Sheraton Denver
Downtown

The Meetings Industry Council (MIC) of

Colorado is a culmination of organizations representing the meetings industry.

The 10th Annual Educational Conference and Trade Show will be held on Wednesday, March 17, 2010. MIC of Colorado will host 100 exhibitors and approximately 550 meeting professionals, association executives, and industry suppliers in the Rocky Mountain Region.

MIC is now open for registration at the following site: <http://www.regonline.com/Checkin.asp?EventId=749315>

SGMP Rocky Mountain Chapter benefits from you attending this great event and is sponsoring a speaker this year!

Does your agency have business-related news it would like to share with the DFC community? Submit your articles to DFCNews@gsa.gov! We will feature an article from various agencies on the DFC in each issue.

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